

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 LISBON 01967 230654Z
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 DRC-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01
INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15
USIA-06 TRSE-00 SSO-00 /062 W
-----098164 230700Z /10/72
R 161752Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY LISBON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5078

C O N F I D E N T I A L LISBON 1967

C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (MRN 1967 VICE 167)

E.O. 11652: XGDS-1
TAGS: PINT PO
SUBJECT: PSD: SA CARNEIRO SLATE WINS DISTRICT ELECTION

REF: (A) LISBON 1731, (B) OPORTO 56

1. THE FOLLOWING CABLE IS REPEATED FROM AMCONSUL OPORTO.
EMBASSY ENDORSES OPORTO'S SUGGESTION (PARA 5) TO EXTEND
FACILITATIVE ASSISTANCE TO AZEVEDO AND WIFE, WHO ARE
BOTH MEMBERS OF PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO NORTH ATLANTIC
ASSEMBLY. SIMILAR COURTESIES SHOULD BE EXTENDED TO
DR. NUNES, SOCIALIST MEMBER OF PORTUGUESE DELEGATION.
NUNES, LIKE THE AZEVEDO'S, WILL BE STAYING AT THE
MAYFLOWER.

2. BEGIN OPORTO CABLE: NORTHERNERS WANT SA CARNEIRO
BACK: OPORTO SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC (PSD) DISTRICT COMMISSION
ELECTED A NEW DISTRICT POLITICAL COUNCIL MARCH 11 IN A
CONTEST BETWEEN SA CARNEIRO SUPPORTERS AND PROPONENTS
OF THE SOUSA FRANCO LEADERSHIP. PSD DEPUTY AND FORMER
SECRETARY OF STATE FOR REFUGEES AMANDIO DE AZEVEDO
HEADED A PRO-SA CARNEIRO SLATE. SOUSA FRANCO
SUPPORTERS WERE LED BY NEW NATIONAL POLITICAL COMMISSION
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 LISBON 01967 230654Z

MEMBER VIEIRA DA CUNHA WHO OPPOSED SA CARNEIRO AT THE
FIFTH PARTY CONGRESS. ONLY 136 DISTRICT DEPUTIES
CAST BALLOTS OUT OF 300 ELIGIBLE VOTERS, MOST OF
WHOM REPRESENT LOCAL PSD CHAPTERS IN THE PROPORTION
OF ONE FOR EACH 50 MEMBERS. RESULTS WERE CONCLUSIVE:
98-38 IN FAVOR OF THE SLATE IDENTIFIED WITH SA CARNEIRO.

3. THE WAR OF WORDS CONTINUES: LOCAL PRESS ANNOUNCED MARCH 11 THAT A BOOKLET ENTITLED "THE IMPASSE/ WOULD BE RELEASED THIS WEEK ON THE EVE OF THE PSD NATIONAL POLITICAL COMMISSION MEETING IN SANTAREM. "THE IMPASSE" IS REPORTEDLY A COLLECTION OF RECENT SA CARNEIRO ARTICLES AND INTERVIEWS PLUS INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS. SA CARNEIRO'S FULL SPEECH AT THE FIFTH PARTY CONGRESS AND AN ARTICLE HE HAD DRAFTED FOR THE PSD PAPER WHICH HAD SUBSEQUENTLY BEEN REJECTED BY PARTY LEADERS. A PRO-SA CARNEIRO MANIFESTO IS ALSO SAID TO BE CIRCULATING IN NORTHERN PSD CIRCLES. THE STATEMENT IS SIGNED BY A NUMBER OF LOCAL SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC RANK AND FILE. IT WARNS OF A NATIONAL POLITICAL EMERGENCY IN THE NOT-TOO-DISTANT FUTURE WHICH WOULD NECESSITATE THE IMMEDIATE RETURN BY THE PSD TO SA CARNEIRO'S POLICIES BEST HANDLED BY SA CARNEIRO HIMSELF.

4. MORE THAN HONEST DIFFERENCES: IN MARCH 13 CONVERSATION WITH AMCONSUL, AZEVEDO TRIED TO DOWNPLAY CURRENT PSD FACTIONALISM. HE CALLED IT "HONEST DIFFERENCES AMONG FRIENDS OVER TACTICS." AZEVEDO CLAIMED SOME DISTRICT DEPUTIES VOTED AGAINST VIEIRA DE CUNHA IN THE BELIEF HE SHOULD NOT SERVE SIMULTANEOUSLY ON BOTH THE NATIONAL POLITICAL COMMISSION AND DISTRICT COUNCIL. (AZEVEDO WAS UNCONVINCING ON BOTH COUNTS.) FURTHERMORE, AZEVEDO THOUGHT SA CARNEIRO WOULD NOT CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 LISBON 01967 230654Z

RETURN FULLTIME TO POLITICS BEFORE 1980.

5. U.. VISIT OF AZEVEDO: AMANDIO DE AZEVEDO, ACCOMPANIED BY WIFE AMELIA, DAUGHTER, AND MOTHER, WILL BE MAKING FIRST TIME VISIT TO THE U.S. DEPARTING MARCH 17. BOTH MR. & MRS. AZEVEDO ARE PSD DEPUTIES IN THE ASSEMBLY OF THE REPUBLIC AND ALSO SERVED IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY. MR. AZEVEDO SERVES ON THE LABOR COMMITTEE, MRS. AZEVEDO IN EDUCATION. THEY WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED STATES AS PART OF A THREE-MAN DELEGATION REPRESENTING THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY AT THE ATLANTIC ASSEMBLY. THE THIRD MEMBER OF THE DELEGATION IS DR. JOSE LUIS NUNES, A PS MEMBER OF THE ASSEMBLY FROM OPORTO. THIS YEAR'S MEETING WILL BE HELD IN WASHINGTON ON MARCH 20-21. WHILE IN WASHINGTON, AZEVEDO AND HIS WIFE WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT (IN PARTICULAR THE PORTUGUESE DESK OFFICER) AND WITH MEMBERS OF BOTH POLITICAL PARTIES WHO WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS PARTY ORGANIZATION. THEY WILL BE STAYING AT THE HOTEL MAYFLOWER.

6. COMMENT: IT IS UNCLEAR HOW HEARD SA CARNEIRO WORKED BEHIND THE SCENES TO MAKE THE MARCH 11 ELECTION A REAL CONTEST RATHER THAN THE EXPECTED PRO FORMA APPROVAL OF A SINGLE SLATE (REFTEL A PARA 3). HOWEVER, SA CARNEIRO COULD EASILY HAVE STOPPED THE CONTEST GIVEN HIS CLOSE LONG-TIME RELATIONSHIP TO AZEVEDO. SA CARNEIRO CAN ALSO KEEP MANIFESTOS FROM CIRCULATING IN HIS BEHALF. FOR THE MOMENT SA CARNEIRO DOES NOT SEEM TO WANT TO GIVE THE SOUDA FRANCO LEADERSHIP A CHANCE. PENNER. END OPORTO CABLE. BLOOMFIELD

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ELECTION RESULTS, ELECTIONS, NATIONAL ELECTIONS, POLITICAL PARTIES, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978LISBON01967
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: X1
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780127-0948
Format: TEL
From: LISBON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780361/aaaabzhx.tel
Line Count: 126
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 8d1e4bc6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 78 LISBON 1731, 78 OPORTO 56
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 31 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3311406
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PSD: SA CARNEIRO SLATE WINS DISTRICT ELECTION
TAGS: PINT, PO, (CARNEIRO, SA)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/8d1e4bc6-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014